

[27th August 1926]

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a.m.

Mr. Chavadi K. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI:—"With reference to the statement in the answer given that doubts have arisen regarding the capacity of the Receiver to bind the Estate in the matter, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have obtained the necessary legal opinion, viz., the opinion of the Advocate-General, on the matter?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"I do not quite catch the hon. Member. I am not quite sure on what point legal opinion should be obtained."

Mr. Chavadi K. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI:—"Regarding the power of the Receiver to bind the Estate in the matter of contribution to the repairs of the Manur channel, etc.?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"I do not understand to what question he is referring."

Mr. Chavadi K. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI:—"It is stated in the answer to this question:

'At that time (1918) the Collector did not regard the matter as urgent, and the proposals were shelved. The matter was taken up again in 1923, at the instance of the then Collector and it was reported that the estimate would, at current rates, come to Rs. 55,000. Meanwhile the question of contribution has become complicated by the fact that the Uthumalai estate is now in the hands of a Receiver appointed by the District Court, and doubts have arisen regarding his capacity to bind the Estate in the matter.'

"Have Government taken legal opinion on the matter, Sir?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"Then, I would ask the hon. Member to go on to the next sentence in the answer, which says that the matter is still under correspondence. So far as that is concerned, legal opinion can be taken only after a decision is arrived at."

*Closing of breaches in the banks of the Tambraparni river.*

\* 2363 Q.—Mr. Chavadi K. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI: With reference to question No. 2180 [i and ii, (a) to (n)], regarding the closing of certain breaches in the banks of the Tambraparni river, and answered at the meeting held on 16th July 1926, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to lay on the Council table any report received on the subject from the departments concerned at the next meeting of the Council in August 1926?

A.—The report<sup>a</sup> of the Executive Engineer dated 2nd July 1926 is laid on the table.

*Appointment of a Special officer for coolies working in the Mettur Project.*

\* 2364 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any Special officer was appointed to look after the coolies, who are working in the Mettur Project as far as sanitation, house accommodation, wages, etc., are concerned;